

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. **Title and its heading:** 7, Education
Chapter and its heading: 2, State Board of Education
Articles and its heading: 3, Curriculum Requirements and Special Programs
4, Special Education
8, Compliance
14, Charter Schools
Section numbers: R7-2-306, R7-2-316, R7-2-405, R7-2-408, R7-2-806, and R7-2-1401 through R7-2-1410
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The State Board of Education is proposing to amend R7-2-306 as a result of legislative changes related to Bilingual and ESL programs. The Board is proposing to repeal most of the current language of R7-2-306. The Board is proposing to amend R7-2-316 related to stimulus funds for charter schools to update the language with current practice. Changes in state law will require modification of the Board's rule, R7-2-405, related to Special Education and the selection and training of hearing officers. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-844, the State Board of Education will adopt rules related to the discipline, suspension, and expulsion of Special Education students as R7-2-408. The Board is proposing to repeal R7-2-806 to delete language related to rehearing procedures. The procedures for rehearings are included in the newly adopted R7-2-701 et seq., related to hearing procedures. The Board will consider adopting rules related to charter schools to include application procedures, contracting procedures, contracting requirements, and revocation of a charter. The new rules will be numbered in a newly established Article 14, Charter Schools.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published.
4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
To be announced with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
To be announced with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.